

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 – 17. (Cancelled)

18. (New) A method of treating or preventing halitosis, comprising administering epsilon-polylysine or polylysine to the oral cavity of a subject.

19. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein said epsilon-polylysine or polylysine is present as an active ingredient in an end formulation.

20. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the end formulation is selected from the group of: toothpastes, mouth-refreshing solutions, mouth rinses, mouth sprays, gels, chewing gum, candies, foods, and artificial saliva.

21. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein said end formulation further comprises one or more additional ingredients selected from the group of thickeners, humidifiers, aromas, preservatives, cooling agents, ingredients against over-sensitivity and sweeteners.